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## ***GRS handed over New Police Station in Maysan province***

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Basrah, IRAQ --Another police station was recently handed over to the Iraqi authorities in Al Amarra , in the Maysan province, underscoring the fact that the security and justice systems in the region are improving daily, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) officials in the area.

Barry D. Stuard, Maysan resident engineer with the Corps' southern district, said that the construction on the \$365,600 police station began Sept. 26. The facility accommodates a company of Rescue Police and Juvenile Crimes Unit, and is manned by 103 officers who work in two shifts.

"The Huteen district in the Maysan province covers the southwest sector of Amarra city and includes AL-Hussein and Al-Sadr police stations," he said. "The previous facility was a very old and small structure, with limited facilities for total number of officers needed. The electrical and plumbing functions were inadequate and inoperative."

Sgt. 1st Class Harold E. Stewart, 416th Theatre Engineer Command, construction representative with Maysan resident office, said that the scope of work consisted of providing labor, supervision, equipment and materials to construct female and juvenile detention facilities.



Workers work to lay the foundation of the Al Huteen Police Station. [USACE Photo]

"This new station replaces the old and included the destruction of portions of the old station deemed unstable and unsafe," he said. "The new station is a multiple structure facility, with separate holding cells for men, women and juveniles, with water closets and shower units for each section."

Stuard said that the station has also multiple offices for administrative purposes and section for quick response forces and regular police forces. A new armory, with metal reinforced doors and sleeping quarters for each shift of officers are included. Each office and room has air

conditioning and new lighting installed.

“A generator and day tank for fuel with an automatic transfer switch was installed for times when national grid power was not available,” he said. “The contract was completed after several delays that were beyond control of contractor and USACE. The police in Amarra are now using this station to help provide security to the citizens of Amarra.”



This view of the Al Huteen Police Station notes the construction of the building. [USACE Photo]

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